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November 28, 2011

Mr. Vincent Mammano Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

11 Local and State Element

 This amendment adds a new project valued at \$980,980 in Federal Fiscal Year 2012/13 to the Grouped Projects for Safe Improvements – Federal Safe Routes to Schools Program.

See enclosures.

The MCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, does not change air quality conformity, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by MCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve MCAG's Amendment Number 11. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2011 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Lima Huy of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Lisa Hanf – Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures) Eric Eidlin – FTA (w/enclosures)

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